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OLGA MADSEN

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1916]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 1916) for the relief of Olga Madsen, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant to a minor child to be adopted by United States citizens the status of a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 13-year-old native and citizen of Denmark who is the youngest of 5 children. Her father is dead and her mother, due to ill health, is unable to adequately provide for her. Mr. and Mrs. Aage Boeslund, who are United States citizens residing in Ogden, Utah, became acquainted with the child during a trip to Denmark and are desirous of adopting her.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated June 9, 1952, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Deputy Attorney General with reference to the case reads as follows:

JUNE 9, 1952.

HON. PAT McCARRAN,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (S. 1916) for the relief of Olga Madsen, an alien. The bill would enable the alien to acquire the status of a nonquota immigrant.

A memorandum prepared by the Immigration and Naturalization Service setting forth the facts in the case is attached.

The record presents no considerations which would justify exempting the alien from the quota restrictions of the immigration laws. Accordingly, this Department is unable to recommend enactment of the measure.

Sincerely,

A. DEVITT VANECH, *Deputy Attorney General.*

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE OLGA MADSEN, BENEFICIARY OF S. 1916

Olga Madsen is a native and citizen of Denmark, who was born on May 2, 1939. She is the youngest of five children. Her father is deceased and her mother, due to ill health, is unable adequately to provide for her. It is the intention of Mr. Aage Boeslund, a naturalized citizen of the United States, and his wife to bring the alien to the United States and eventually to adopt her. She is presently residing in Aarhus, Denmark.

According to Mr. Boeslund, the alien is of no blood relationship to either him or his wife. They became acquainted with her during a trip to Denmark. Mr. Boeslund is now 58 years of age and his wife is now 53 years of age. Mr. Boeslund is employed by the Swift Packing Co., Ogden, Utah, at a salary of \$4,500 a year and owns his own home at 967 Orchard Avenue, Ogden, Utah.

Miss Madsen is chargeable to the quota of Denmark which, according to the latest information, is not heavily oversubscribed.

Senator Arthur B. Watkins, the author of the bill, has submitted a number of letters and documents in connection with the bill, among which are the following:

OGDEN, UTAH, April 11, 1951.

The Honorable ARTHUR V. WATKINS,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR WATKINS: We are appealing to you for help as we know you will understand our feelings in this matter better than anyone else.

We would like you to help us obtain a visa for a little girl (Olga Madsen, age 12) in Denmark, so that we can bring her to live with us.

We learned to love this little girl and her mother while we were laboring 2 years (1947-49) as L. D. S. missionaries in Denmark. The little girl, as well as her parents, are and were, members of this faith.

The father of this child is deceased and the mother is incurably ill and is confined to a hospital and has accepted the fact that the end will be anytime. Her last wish is that we take her little girl and bring her to America and raise her as one of our own. Olga is aware of her mother's condition and wants to come to us very much.

At the present time Olga is staying with a friend of ours in Aarhus, Denmark. This is a temporary situation only and she will soon be placed in an orphanage. Having known this little girl and her fine mother we could not bear to see this happen.

The little girl is a fine child, very mentally alert and would grow to be a fine citizen of our wonderful country. We could give her a home, love and advantages that would never be her lot should she be placed in an orphanage.

We own our home and have other real estate and personal property and have an income of \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year. I have worked at the same job for 35 years. We both enjoy extra good health. We have five children (all married, except one) and are very willing and anxious to accept Olga as a sister and to help give her the love and kindness she deserves.

Following is birth information:

Name: Olga Madsen.

Born: May 1939.

Place: Aarhus, Denmark.

Father's name: Mads L. Madsen (deceased).

Mother's name: Lucia Jensen Madsen (confined in a Copenhagen hospital).

At the present time she is staying with: Mrs. Jane Rudholt, Lundbyesgade 9, Aarhus, Denmark.

We might add that Olga has four stepbrothers, all married or on their own, and they refuse to accept any responsibility toward her.

We have just been informed that this little girl has a cousin and an aunt coming to the United States in May of this year and they will be very willing to bring her

to us. This would save considerable worry and anxiety for all of us—her mother, herself, and us, if there is anything that can be done to obtain a visa for her without the usual period of waiting.

Because of the mother's health it is doubtful that she will ever see her child again. It is her last wish that the little girl come over to us before she dies. Then, knowing that Olga was with us, she could die with peace of mind.

We sincerely hope that you will do everything in your power to help us. We realize and appreciate that you are very busy and we assure you that we shall be grateful for anything that you can do in our behalf.

We admire the fine work you are doing and you are to be commended for your efforts for better government.

Sincerely,

AAGE BOESLUND
JENNIE BOESLUND.

OGDEN, UTAH, April 30, 1951.

The Honorable ARTHUR V. WATKINS,

*United States Senate, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
Washington, D. C.*

DEAR SENATOR WATKINS: Your kind letter of April 25 has been received and we are very appreciative of the interest you are taking in our efforts to bring little Olga to the United States from Denmark.

As you requested we offer the name of the L. D. S. mission president in Denmark and also Olga's mother's name and the hospital address where she is confined.

Edwin P. Sorensen, Priorvej 12, Copenhagen F, Denmark.

Lucia Jensen Madsen, Philadelphia Hospital, Dianalund, Sjælland, Denmark.

We have met President Sorensen and we have just written him advising that you would no doubt correspond with him relative to this matter and that you would give him full information as to how this document should be executed. We are confident that he will cooperate with us.

We appreciate your contacting Congressman Granger relative to this matter and we are taking the liberty of writing him a short note and thanking him for his help.

If we are fortunate in bringing this little girl to live with us, it will be entirely through your kindness and understanding that this will be accomplished.

Thanking you again, we remain

Very truly yours,

AAGE BOESLUND.
JENNIE BOESLUND.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS,
OFFICE OF THE DANISH MISSION,
Copenhagen, Denmark, June 6, 1951.

MR. AND MRS. AAGE BOESLUND,
967 Orchard Avenue, Ogden, Utah.

DEAR BROTHER AND SISTER BOESLUND: Since receiving your letter of April 30, I have written to Sister Jane Rudholdt in Aarhus, and have also on a recent visit to Aarhus talked with a daughter of Sister Madsen regarding the case of Olga Madsen. I advised them to get the papers through an attorney so that everything would be fully in order according to the requirements of the Danish law.

A few days ago I received a letter from Senator Watkins giving the necessary information required on a notarized statement. These I have forwarded to Sister Rudholdt and as soon as the necessary papers and information are received I will forward them direct to Senator Watkins.

Sister Rudholdt informs me that Olga is now 12 and will have to have full fare ticket when coming to America. As soon as anything in the case happens I will be happy to advise you.

Sincerely your brother,

EDWARD H. SORENSEN
Mission President.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS,
OFFICE OF THE DANISH MISSION,
Copenhagen, Denmark, July 17, 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. AAGE BOELSUND,
967 Orchard Avenue, Ogden, Utah

DEAR MR. AND MRS. BOELSUND: I have your letter of July 6. I am sorry there has been so much delay in getting the papers in order. I sent the Senator Watkins' papers to Sister Rudholt for signature and it appears that they must be done a little differently here in order to comply with Government regulations. It has therefore taken much longer than expected.

The attorney at first insisted that the papers go to the American Embassy and we have had quite a bit of difficulty getting it straightened out. However, I now have the papers from the attorney and feel in order that you can know just what has been done, it best to send everything to you and then you can work matters out from there.

The attorney has also sent an application blank for Olga Madsen which can be sent to the American Embassy here at the proper time when the other law which Senator Watkins is working out goes into effect.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD H. SORENSEN,
Mission President.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 1916) should be enacted:

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